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SUBJECT: CVT ISSUES COMMUNIQUE ON CURRENT SITUATION

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1. AT AN EMERGENCY SESSION OF CVT CENTRAL OFFICE CONVENED ON MARCH 20 AND PRESIDED OVER BY CVT VICE PRESIDENT TRAN HUU QUYEN, CVT ISSUED FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS CARRIED ON FRONT PAGE OF TRANG DEN (INDEPENDENT/OPPOSITION) ON MARCH 22.

2. FULL TEXT: (WE ARE) FACED WITH THE TRAGICALLY TENSE AND BLEAK SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY AT THE PRESENT TIME REFLECTED IN EVACUATIONS BY THE PEOPLE WHICH HAVE NEVER BEFORE OCCURRED IN THE HISTORY OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM. FROM BAN ME THUOT, PLEIKU, KONTUM, DALAT AND HUE TO PHU BON, THE ADMINISTRATION DID NOT PROVIDE TIMELY INFORMATION FOR THE PEOPLE TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND SO THAT THEY COULD CALMLY PROTECT THEIR LIVES AND PROPERTY AND AT THE SAME TIME ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE HISTORY FOR DEFENDING THE COUNTRY.

3. ASSESSING THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL VIETNAM, THE LEADERS OF THE CVT DEEMED THAT HAVING TO FACE THE URGENT AND TRAGIC EVACUATION
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CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN MR 1 AND II, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE

LIVING IN FEAR AND PANIC, EACH TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO ESCAPE BUT NOT KNOWING WHERE TO RUN FOR SAFETY. MEANWHILE, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NO EFFECTIVE PLAN FOR GUIDING THE MASSIVE EVACUATION.

4. THE RESULT IS THAT IN ADDITION TO LOSING THEIR PROPERTY, THE PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING DEATH AND ARE FALLING INTO A LIFE OF ENDLESS CHAOS, DISEASE AND EXTREME POVERTY AND THE FUTURE IS DARK AND UNDETERMINED.

5. BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMELY SERIOUS SITUATION DESCRIBED ABOVE, THE (CENTRAL) OFFICE OF THE CVT, IN A MEETING ON MARCH 20, ISSUED AN URGENT WARNING AND REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THE EVACUATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN A LESS TRAGIC MANNER. THE ADMINISTRATION MUST URGENTLY PROVIDE TIMELY REFUGEE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE WAR.

6. FINALLY, THE LEADERS OF THE CVT EMPHASIZE THAT IN THE BLEAK CURRENT SITUATION THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM MUST PROVE ITS RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE HISTORY. END UNCLASSIFIED

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7. COMMENT: WHILE RELATIVELY MILD IN ITS CRITICISM OF GVN, CVT STATEMENT REFLECTS A GENERAL AND WIDESPREAD DISATISFACTION WITH WHAT IS VIEWED AS A FAILURE TO MAKE ADEQUATE PROVISION FOR EVACUATION OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS FROM HIGHLANDS AND UNCERTAINTY AND CONCERN OVER GVN'S PLAN FOR FUTURE. IT ALSO REFLECTS ANGER AND FRUSTRATION ON PART CVT OFFICIALS WHO FEEL THEY ARE NOT BEING ADEQUATELY INFORMED BY GVN OF FAST BREAKING EVENTS IN COUNTRYSIDE. CVT OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIDED TO US THAT COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT REPRESENT A CHANGE IN CVT'S BASIC ANTI-COMMUNIST POSITION AND DOES NOT SIGNAL BREAK WITH GVN. END CONFIDENTIAL
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